பட்டது. மீண்டும் இதை பரிசிலனை செய்து பார்த்தபோது இந்த கால்வாய் (கனால்) வழியாக உணவு தான்யங்கள் விறகு இவைகளை கொண்டு வர உதவும் என்று தெரிவதால் மறுபடியும் இந்த கால்வாயைப்பற்றி மத்திய சர்க்காருக்கு எழுதியிருக்கிறோம். மத்திய சர்க்காரிலிருந்து இது சம்பந்தப்பட்ட ஒரு கமிட்டியார் அடுத்தமாதம் 12-ம் தேதி இங்கு வருகிறார்கள். அவர்கள் செய்கிற முடிவை பொறுத்து மேல் நடவடிக்கை எடுக்கப்படும்.

Sri R. SRINIVASA IYER: I am not putting my question because of the statement just now made by the Hon. Minister.

Mr. SPEAKER: The hon. Member need not give explanation.

Sri A. VEDARATHNAM PILLAI: இப்பொழுது மத்திய அரசாங்கத்திலிருந்து வருகிற கமிஷன் இந்த கனாலை வந்து பார்வையிடுவார்களா ? அதற்கான ஏற்பாட்டை இந்த அரசாங்கம் செய்திருக்கிறதா ?

The Hon. Sri P. KAKKAN: அந்த விதமான ஏற்பாடு ஒன்றும் செய்யவில்லை. ஆனால் கனாலைப் பார்ப்பது விஷயமாக இங்கே கூடிப் பேசப்போகிறார்கள்.

Photo-copying of documents.

* 239 *Q*.—**Sri V. K. RAMASWAMY MUDALIYAR**: Will the Hon. the Minister for Electricity be pleased to state—

(*a*) the period during which the system of copying documents by photography was in vogue in the Registration Department;

(*b*) the reasons for discontinuing the system;

(*c*) whether the negatives have been properly preserved for future use;

(*d*) whether the system of photo-copying is in force in other States; and

(*e*) whether the Government propose to revive the system of photo-copying?

The Hon. Sri V. RAMIAH: (*a*) Two systems of photo copying of documents, viz., the photo-stat system and the cine film system, were in vogue in Registration Department. The photo-stat system was in vogue from 1st April 1934 to 1st April 1939 and cine film system was in vogue from 1st August 1930 to 15th September 1941.

(*b*) The photo system was abolished because experience showed that the practical advantages of the system were not such as to outweigh the financial and other advantages involved in a reversion to hand-copying.

In regard to the cine-film system it was considered that the advantages resulting from it were insignificant when compared with the drawbacks involved in it.

(*c*) The negatives have all been destroyed as it was found that some of them had decomposed very badly and some others were reduced to powder and so it was found not worthwhile to preserve them incurring considerable recurring expenditure.

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(*d*) The system is in vogue in Bombay State.

(*e*) No.

SRI V. K. RAMASWAMY MUDALIYAR : Sir, in view of the fact that mistakes occasionally occur when copying documents and also much saving will be effected by the adoption of any one of the systems and also in view of the fact that in Bombay and I am also told, in some other places, it is working very satisfactorily, will the Government consider the desirability of introducing any one of the systems?

THE HON. SRI V. RAMIAH : The system is in vogue only in the Bombay State. This system is not followed in any other State. We tried it as early as 1930 to find out whether we could do better service but we found that it is not giving us better service than that of the hand-copying system. So we have switched on to the hand-copying system after experiment and it has been working for the last 20 years without any difficulty.

SRI K. VINAYAKAM : Sir, is the Hon. Minister aware of the fact that while copying documents, clerical errors creep in which result in complicated consequences to the detriment of the individuals. For instance, I have been affected like that. A document which was asked for was wrongly copied—the numbers varied, the amount varied and the date varied. When I produced it before the Board of Revenue, they returned the entire document as being false. That is the consequence of depending upon the human machines for copying documents. So, will the Government think of the possibility of going back to the photo-copying system which is foolproof beyond any reasonable doubt?

THE HON. SRI V. RAMIAH : Mistake might occur occasionally; my hon. Friend might have suffered from it. But we find that the photo-copying system particularly gives a lot of trouble while reading the letters which are so small. It is only after trying it we have switched back to the hand-copying system.

SRI M. JAGANNATHAN : The Hon. Minister has stated that the photo-copying system is working very well and very satisfactorily in the Bombay State. When this system is working very satisfactorily there, why on earth in the Madras State it is not working satisfactorily?

THE HON. SRI V. RAMIAH : I said only that the system is working in the Bombay State and I did not say that it was working very well and very satisfactorily. I do not know why the hon. Member has understood it like that. Except in the Bombay State, in no other State in India this system is working. As I have stated, we have tried it and we have found that it would not be advantageous, and that the hand-copying system would give better service.

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Sri A. VEDARATHNAM PILLAI: இப்பொழுது படித்தவர்களிடையே வேலை இல்லாத் திண்டாட்டம் அதிகமாக இருக்கிற காரணத்தினால் இந்த போட்டோ சிஸ்டத்தை ஏற்படுத்தினால் அதனால் இன்னும் அதிக வேலையில்லாத் திண்டாட்டம் ஏற்படும் என்ற காரணத்திற்காக இதை எந்தக் காரணத்திற்காகவும் எடுத்துக்கொள்ளமாட்டார்கள் அல்லவா ?

The Hon. Sri V. RAMIAH: போட்டோ சிஸ்டத்தை எடுத்துக் கொள்ள அரசாங்கத்திற்கு நோக்கம் எதுவும் இல்லை.

Sri V. K. RAMASWAMY MUDALIYAR: The Hon. Minister has stated in his answer to clause (*c*) of the main question that negatives have been destroyed and some others were reduced to powder. What will the Government do if the persons who have registered the original documents want a copy of them?

The Hon. Sri V. RAMIAH: Only negatives have been destroyed.

Sri S. LAZAR: கோர்ட்டுகளில் நடக்கக்கூடிய தாவாக்களில் பெரும்பாலானவை, இப்பொழுது வரக்கூடிய் தஸ்தாவேஜ்கள் " நாட் ஜெனிவின் " என்ற முறையில் தாக்கல் செய்யப்படுகின்றன. அந்த முறையைக் கவனிக்கும்போது அதனுடைய போட்டோ காப்பி இருந்தால்தான் அதை சரிவர செய்ய முடியுமேயொழிய மற்ற எந்த முறையிலும் கோர்ட்டார் நீதி வழங்க முடியாதபடி இருக்கிறார்கள். ஆகவே இந்த சிஸ்டத்தை மறுபடியும் ரிவைவ் பண்ண சர்க்கார் நடவடிக்கைகள் எடுக்குமா ?

The Hon. Sri V. RAMIAH: We are not going to do it.

Sri K. RAMACHANDRAN: Atleast in special cases, where the parties are willing to pay, why not the Government specially arrange for giving photo-stat copies when the parties want them for reasons of their own?

Mr. SPEAKER: The Government have already told the House that they are not going to do it. So, there is no point in asking for it again. If the Hon. Minister is prepared to answer it, I have no objection.

Palm-gur Co-operative Societies

* 240 *Q.*—**Sri T. T. DANIEL**: Will the Hon. the Minister for Home be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of Palm-gur Co-operative Societies functioning in the State, districtwar; and

(*b*) the amount invested by the Government so far in these societies districtwar?

The Hon. Sri M. BHAKTAVATSALAM: (*a*) A statement(?) showing the number of Palmgur Co-operative Societies functioning in this State, districtwise is placed on the table of the House.

(*b*) The Government have not invested any amount in these Societies.

Sri T. T. DANIEL: May I know whether these Co-operative Societies maintain a separate register to show the actual number of the palmyra climbers and if they do not maintain such a

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